

## THIS QUEEN WORKS

How Paris Chooses a Fete Sovereign Each Year.

Mlle. Lucienne Joly, a Hard-Working Seamstress Was Queen of the French Capital's Autumn Feast This Year.

Paris.—Although France is now a republic for the third time, her people still seem to hanker after royalty and their taste runs in the direction of queens. They can't have a regular queen, of course, so they must be content with queens of a lower degree, who are chosen in various trades and various parts of France with all due ceremony.

From time immemorial the tradespeople of Paris have celebrated each carnival by electing a queen from among the work people, whose chief merit is unusual beauty, the pride of birth being quite an unimportant factor.

The vegetable women select their queen, the grocers theirs, the fishmarket makes its choice and so on. Then these several chosen queens are brought together for an appointed committee to pass judgment on them. The queen receiving the largest number of votes is raised to the highest honor and her title is—Queen of the Queens. It is a strange fact that for several years, with one exception, the fish market has furnished the Queen of Queens for this joyous fete.

This year the business men of Paris inaugurated a Fete d'Automne (autumn feast), and October 2 and 3 were chosen as the days for the celebration.

A very ceremonious meeting was held in the chamber of marriages at the city hall at which the delegates of



Mlle. Lucienne Joly.

the various business associations assembled a few days ago for the difficult undertaking of electing an ephemeral sovereign to preside over this fete. The delegates on arriving at the hall found 15 beauties sitting in state awaiting the decision of the judges. The idle, butterfly type was not represented, for the young woman who was to attain the supreme dignity of queen had to be taken from the ranks of the business women.

After a moment's contemplation the president of the committee, M. Chalmers, arose and in carefully selected words set forth the ideas which first inspired the business men to bring into existence this autumn feast. The delegates were then asked to vote for the queen of the fete. The situation was most embarrassing. Gallantry is proverbial with the Frenchman, and to his chivalrous mind it was almost treason to select one to the discredit of the other candidates. A choice had to be made, however. Above each candidate was a number and each delegate simply wrote the number of his preference on the slip provided for him and dropped it into a box.

The first count showed that the delegates were of diverse opinions and no one of the candidates had a majority. This necessitated another ballot. A signal was given to the brass band in attendance, and in a twinkling it was thrilling the assembled people with one of the most exciting popular airs. The music gave courage to the timid and faltering judges, so that it was only a question of few minutes before the final vote was cast and counted. This formality over, M. Grandon, master of ceremonies, announced the result and proclaimed the chosen queen to be Mlle. Lucienne Joly, queen of the dressmakers, a Juno-like brunette who had received 41 votes, thus making her Queen of the Autumn Feast. Blushing with pleasure and greatly agitated, the reigning sovereign thanked the assembly for the honor conferred on her, and the committee then escorted her and her 14 maids of honor to a restaurant, where the chosen one was congratulated demonstratively by her relatives and companions.

**Unquestionable Probity.**  
A housewife who had met with unpleasant experiences through a dishonest servant took the precaution before filling the vacancy, to write to the applicant's last employer for explicit information as to the girl's honesty: "I believe Mollie to be thoroughly honest," came the prompt reply. "I certainly never knew her to take anything, not even my orders. She didn't even take pains."

Perhaps it is no disgrace to be a kicker if the other fellow needs one.

## CHICAGO'S NEW LIBRARIAN

Henry E. Legler of Milwaukee Assumes New Position at Salary of \$6,000 Annually.

Chicago.—Freer use of books and better facilities for getting them are two of the reforms which book lovers may expect to follow shortly upon the advent of Henry E. Legler, who has entered upon his new duties as public librarian of Chicago. The former Wisconsin newspaperman, who is the administrative head of Chicago's public library, lost no time in going to work to earn the \$6,000 salary the board voted him. Arriving in Chicago on an early morning train from his home in Milwaukee, Librarian Legler hurried at once to the beautiful building on Michigan avenue which is to be his workshop and began at once to knuckle down to his task.

The new librarian consented to outline his plans only after expressly



Henry E. Legler.

providing that nothing he should say might be construed as criticism of his predecessor.

"The principal aim of a librarian is to get the books under his charge into the hands of the people who want them with the greatest degree of facility commensurate with proper preservation of the books themselves," declared Librarian Legler.

"As rapidly as the finances will allow I believe in extending the free-delivery stations. The number of branch libraries ought also to be increased. Free home delivery has been tried in a few cities, but it is not yet necessary for Chicago and does not compare with other and more urgent needs for what money Chicago has to expend on its public library. With the help of the school officials it is our hope that the circulation of books in the juvenile department may be increased to a great extent.

"More liberal privileges, it would seem to me, may be extended to card holders. Elsewhere it is not an unusual custom for patrons of public libraries to be allowed the right of taking out two or three, or even more, books at one time on one card, providing they do not attempt to monopolize books for which there appears to be widespread demand. Here, I am told, the holder of a card may take out only one book at a time. I think that system may be changed with due regard for the convenience of all concerned.

"The general trend everywhere also appears to be toward increasing the freedom of admission to book stacks. However, I want to make it clear that whatever changes I recommend will be only after careful consideration and after obtaining the consent of the trustees."

Recently Mr. Legler refused an offer to take charge of the St. Louis public library and he also refused an offer to become New York state librarian. He was for many years a newspaper reporter, then became secretary of the Milwaukee school board, and for five years has been in charge of Wisconsin's state library commission, which handles hundreds of traveling libraries.

## DOGS ON POLICE FORCE

Oak Park, Chicago's Fashionable Suburb Is Guarded by Two Canine Thief Catchers.

Chicago.—Oak Park, the fashionable western suburb at Chicago, is guarded by dog police. Daring robberies in the village are responsible for the



One of the Police Dogs.

addition of the dogs to the force and it is a noticeable fact that since the two dogs, "Nick Carter" and "Jesse James" have been on the force that hold-up men and burglars have not been so busy. The dogs are trained to follow a trail over any kind of a road, whether it be an oiled thoroughfare or a common country road. H. G. Strumpler of Hammond, Ind., is the owner of "Nick" and "Jesse." He says they will rid Oak Park of crooks. Old policemen, however, are skeptical.

## QUEENSLAND'S WATER TREES

Wise Provision of Nature That is One of the Curiosities of the Region.

One of the curiosities in natural history in the colony of Queensland is the provision by nature of a supply of water in the roots of certain trees. On these roots the aborigines formerly depended for their water for several months of the year.

There are several kinds of trees in Queensland from which water can be obtained, including three species of eucalyptus, and the kurrajong. The eucalypt consists of a gum, which is the largest of the back country trees, a box and mallee. The first named is the most preferred, as yielding the greatest quantity. This tree resembles the red gum in appearance, the leaves being a little narrower and of a silvery color. It grows chiefly on sandy or light loamy soil and throws out numerous lateral roots at a depth of about nine inches from the surface of the ground. The position of these roots was ascertained by the blacks by repeatedly jabbing the points of a spear or sharpened stick in the soft earth at a distance of about six or eight feet from the trunk of the tree. The soil was then removed with a wooden shovel for some 20 feet or more and the root cut off at either end. This was then cut up into lengths of about 18 inches, the bark knocked off and the lengths stood on end in some receptacle to contain water. In many cases the blacks used a bag made of the entire skin of the male wallaby. As soon as all these pieces were placed on end the operator, beginning with the first placed, put the end in his mouth, and by a vigorous puff expelled the remaining water. The size of the roots chosen was, with the bark on, about the thickness of a man's wrist. The larger ones being more woody and less porous, contain little or no water. The water is beautifully clear, cool, and free from any unpleasant taste or smell.

## PLEASANT FOR THE TRAVELER

Russian Method of Safeguarding Czar Necessarily Led to Some Apprehension.

The late William E. Ingersoll, the noted life insurance manager, was an authority on insurance rates.

"Mr. Ingersoll knew the rates all over the world," said a New York manager, recently. "The Russian rates are very high. Mr. Ingersoll once explained to me, with a story, why this was."

"A traveler in Russia, he said, noticed that the train was all decorated with flags and banners, and at every station a company of soldiers, and a band playing the national anthem. The traveler asked a barkman the reason of all this ceremony. The barkman, lowering his voice, replied:

"I don't mind telling you, sir—but in the strictest confidence, be it understood—that a carriage in this train has been engaged for his majesty. But his majesty, as a matter of fact, won't set off till this evening. Thus the plot hatched against him may take effect on this train, you see, and our gracious sovereign will be saved."

"The brakeman touched his cap and passed on, and the traveler, suddenly grown pale and nervous, stared from the window anxiously."

## High Title Denied Washington.

A friend calls attention to the fact that Washington, although commander in chief during the Revolution and again in 1798 during the French war, which did not really happen, did not bear the title of full general. On July 2, 1798, President Adams nominated him "to be lieutenant-general and commander in chief." This was followed by the act of March 3, 1798, of which the ninth section read "that a commander of the army of the United States shall be appointed, and commissioned by the style of 'general of the armies of the United States,' and that the present office and title of lieutenant-general shall thereafter be abolished." President Adams, jealous for the executive prerogative as commander in chief, made no appointment under this act and Washington died as lieutenant-general.

## Europe's Highest Village.

"The highest village in Europe" is the inscription on a post card which shows a group of wooden cottages on a bleak hill, with no sign of vegetation in sight and having as a background a range of ice-covered mountains. The name of the place is Cur-e-az in the Canton Wallis. It lies 2,077 meters above the sea level, "where Monte Rosa raises its gigantic head into the clouds." The village consists of four families, and the latest census gives it a population of 26. "The storms of spring and fall and the snows of the winter months," says the sender of the card, "make life a dreary one, and still the people look happy, and doubtless they are so."

## A Careless Messenger.

After a messenger boy had eaten his lunch in a Pearl street restaurant in the New York financial district, Harry Bohrer, the manager, found a package on the table, and opening it he discovered that it contained \$23,000 in currency and also sufficient negotiable securities to make a total of \$50,000. From the papers in the package he believed the valuables belonged to the state bank, a few doors away, and hurried there with the money. The cashier quickly identified the parcel and Bohrer was given a reward.



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The twenty-fifth anniversary services of the establishment of the Salvation Army in this city were held in the various churches last Sunday.

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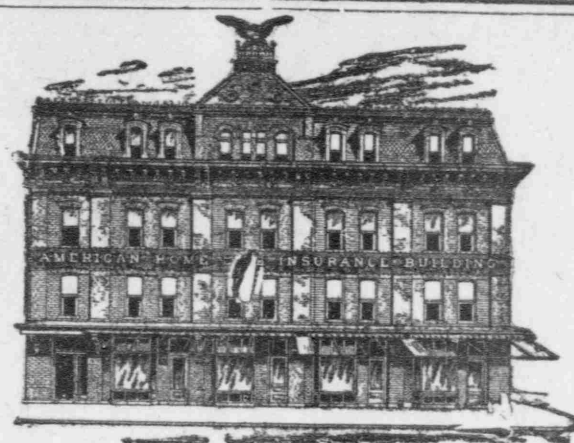
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What clothing stores, what furniture stores, what dry goods stores and what other lines of business will now make an effort to divert to themselves these over three millions of dollars spent by Washington Negroes by advertising in The Bee?

Place your advertising in The Bee and watch these 5,499 appreciative Negroes spend their over three millions of dollars with you.

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